MEMORANDUM

To:

Board of Regents

From:

Board Office

Subject:

Suspension of Admissions to the M.A. Program in Theatre, UNI

Date:

December 4, 2003

Recommended Action:

Approve suspension and termination of M.A. Program in Theatre at the University of Northern Iowa.

Executive Summary:

Termination of M.A. Program

As required by Board policy (*Policy Manual*, §6.20, Policy on Academic Program Termination and Reduced Admission), the University of Northern Iowa is requesting permission to suspend admissions to the M.A. degree program in Theatre at the University of Northern Iowa, effective immediately. The Department of Theatre faculty voted to support suspension of admissions and to terminate the program, in accordance with Board of Regents policy, when the students currently in the program have completed their coursework.

Enrollment Small and Resources Limited

The Department of Theatre proposes that the class seeking the M.A. degree in Theatre, which entered in the Fall 2002 term and will graduate in Spring 2004, will be the last class to complete the program, unless the suspension of admissions is revoked. There are currently two students in the program. The program is being suspended because of the small number of applicants and the lack of resources. The faculty decided that it is best to focus on enhancement of undergraduate programming at this time.

Robert/J. Barak

Approved:

Bregory S'. Nichols

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